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Barbara Dunmore  
Registrar of Voters  
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Dear Barbara:

Thank you for coming to Sacramento last Friday to take part in the discussion of issues arising out of my August 3 decertification/recertification order with regard to the Sequoia voting system used by several California counties, including Riverside County. The feedback from you and other registrars of voters will be very helpful in determining potential revisions and clarifications to the order, and I'm glad you found the discussion to be as productive as I did.

I want to follow up on a conversation we had about the current certification status of the Sequoia voting system. As you know, on August 3, 2007, I decertified the Sequoia WinEDS v.3.1.012/AVC Edge/Insight/Optech 400-C voting system, then immediately recertified the system, subject to compliance with a number of conditions. No further certification order is anticipated or required for counties to use this version of the Sequoia voting system in the 2008 and all subsequent elections.

As I mentioned at the conclusion of our Friday meeting, I will be clarifying some of the terms in the August 3 recertification order in the very near future. According to the terms of the order, Sequoia has submitted Use Procedures to my office, and my staff and I are in the process of reviewing them for approval.

The process of complying with the conditions imposed in the recertification order is ongoing, and requires actions before, during and after the February 5, 2008, election, some of which will be repeated for each subsequent election. For example, one of the conditions is that a county can only use one direct recording electronic (DRE) machine in each precinct on Election Day, but there is no way to determine whether a county actually complies with that condition until Election Day arrives. The recertification of the Sequoia voting system is effective August 3, 2007, and will only be revisited should it be determined the conditions are not being met.

Once again, thank you for taking time out of your schedule to come to Sacramento to meet with me. If I can be of assistance on this or any other issue, please don't hesitate to call me or my staff at (916) 653-7244.

Sincerely,

Debra Bowen  
Secretary of State

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